

Tell the City Council: Make Seattle an Abortion Sanctuary!

Sign the Petition & Speak in Public Comment July 5!



My socialist City Council office has put forward Abortion Rights Sanctuary legislation, which would prevent Seattle Police from arresting people, either patients or doctors and other care providers, for outstanding warrants related to anti-abortion laws in other states.

We will also bring People's Budget legislation to make abortion free in Seattle for people traveling from states with anti-abortion laws as well as Seattle residents, funded by increasing the Amazon Tax we won in 2020.

The day the Supreme Court announced their overturn of Roe v Wade, tens of thousands took to the streets across the country. More than 3,000 protested and marched here in Seattle. The shameful, right-wing ruling runs counter to the support for legal abortion by the majority of American working people. But the protests also made very clear that millions are enraged at the complete failure of the Democrats to fight back and at the idea that all we need to do now is vote blue in November.

While we ramp up our demands on the Democrats to take immediate action on the federal level, there are crucial fights we can wage at the state and local level to ensure abortion access for both residents and out-of-state visitors.

Sign the petition demanding City Council:

Make Seattle an Abortion Rights Sanctuary City!

Fund FREE ABORTIONS for ALL Seattle residents & ANYONE fleeing abortion-related criminal charge by increasing the Amazon Tax!

Testify to Seattle City Council on Tuesday, July 5th:

12pm (Noon) - Sign up for public comment: <https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>

2pm - Tell City Council why they should support Councilmember Sawant's legislation to make Seattle an abortion rights sanctuary city and fund free abortions in the budget.



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We Need Action NOW

The Democrats, with their control of the White House and majorities in Congress, have the ability to take meaningful steps – if they had the political will – to overcome this attack from the right.

This very second, Biden could:

- Sign an executive order opening abortion clinics on federal land in the more than 20 states with trigger bans. Clinics would then be free to operate out of federal office buildings or mobile clinics could be set up on any federal land.
- Make abortion pills accessible across the country by using the F.D.A.'s guidance to preempt any state restrictions.
- Expand access to telemedicine services for abortion and use the federal control of the mail system to guarantee shipments of abortion pills will not be restricted.

Beyond this, Biden and the Democratic leadership in the House and Senate can fight tooth and nail to codify Roe. They can use every tactic at their disposal to force Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema to get on board with abolishing the filibuster and passing the Women's Health Protection Act. They can also urgently repeal the Hyde Amendment and tax the billionaires to massively expand

funding for clinics now buckling under increased demand.

In addition to these steps that would make a dramatic difference in people's ability to access abortions, we also need a host of social services to ensure people can afford to have children when they want them. This means an immediate transition to Medicare for All on a federal level to make all reproductive and gender affirming care free. It means bringing back the pandemic-era child tax credits, and fighting for universal childcare and fully funded public schools, all of this funded by taxing the wealthy.

In order to respond to the onslaught of vicious attacks from the right, much less win these additional basic necessities, we need an independent mass movement that can provide a homebase for young people, workers, and marginalized communities looking for a way to fight back.

**Join my office and take action
NOW to defend abortion rights!**



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